GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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MIDDLE VAITRANA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received feasibility report on Middle Vaitrana Project from the Government of Mharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that completion of the project would augment water supply to a considerable extent;

(d) if so, whether the Government have accorded clearance to this project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the clearance would be accorded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Urban Development, which is the agency toclear the water supply project, referred to the Central Water Commission (CWC) in 1993 for technical scrutiny regarding construction and safety aspects of the Middle Vaitrana Dam Project of the Municipal corporation of Brihan Mumbai. CWC approved the alignment of dam and spillway and informed the Municipal Corporation of Brihan Mumbai. The revised estimate of the project received in CWC during November, 2002 is under examination.

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (Now, Municipal Corporation of Brihan Mumbai) has identified Middle Vaitrana Dam Project as a source of water supply to meet the ever increasing water demand of Mumbai Metropolis.

(d) & (e) The clearance of project depends upon the promptness with which the State Government arranges to provide compliance to the observations of the Central appraising agencies. The Ministry of Environment & Forests have informed that construction of the project would affect the Tarsa Wildlife Sanctuary and about 2.5 lakh trees.